

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, as follows:

The controller 2 includes a protective relay 12 inserted in a power supply line, an electromagnetic contactor 13 for controlling to open and close the power supply line, a noise filter 14 inserted in the power supply line, a three-phase rectifier 15, a smoothing capacitor 16 for smoothing a DC output from the rectifier 15, a three-phase inverter (hereinafter referred to simply as an "inverter") 17 for converting a DC output of the smoothing capacitor 16 into a desired three-phase output, a reactor 18 inserted in an output line of the inverter 17, a regenerative semiconductor switching element 19 inserted in a regenerative line of the inverter 17, a regenerative resistor 20 connected in series to the regenerative semiconductor switching element 19, a flywheel diode 21 connected in parallel to the regenerative resistor 20, and an Electronic Control Unit (ECU) ECU 22 for controlling the electromagnetic contactor 13, the inverter 17, etc., based on various kinds of input signals.